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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP NO.: 2666

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

DIRKMANN, ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/284,581

Filed: April 15, 1999

For: METHOD FOR HANDLING  
SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Art Unit: 2666

Examiner: MEHRA, INDER P.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

Any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** None.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks:** begin on page 2 of this paper.